

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Continuation of

Appln. No.: 09/359,037

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, replace the first paragraph with the following:

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/359,037 (Confirmation No. 2264) filed July 23, 1999 which is a continuation-in-part of pending Application Serial No. 09/246,145, filed February 8, 1999 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,307,987 on October 23, 2001, and which is based on and claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/098,769 filed September 1, 1998.

Page 15, replace the second paragraph with the following paragraph:

Another embodiment of the invention involves a matrix of optical fibers to form an optical display panel. Figures 17 and 23-26 illustrate examples of such a matrix configuration (e.g., 510 in Figure 26). Figures 8-14 provide a variety of examples of the structure (e.g., 120 in Figure 8, 150 in Figure 10, 180 in Figure 12, 210 in Figure 13) that can be used for each pixel of the optical display panel. Figures 23-25 are perspective views of examples of the structure of an optical display panel. Figure 26 illustrates an optical display panel with detailed structural elements omitted for clarity.

Page 17, replace the second paragraph with the following:

Figure 10 shows a structure similar to that shown in Figure 8, except that, by way of example, a different notch 152 configuration is shown. A variety of combinations of notch shape and location are possible. Figure 11 adds reflective filter 154 (see also 184 in Figure 12, and 214 in Figure 14). The reflective filter 154 can be configured to allow UV light 44 to pass, but reflect visible light. This would enhance the visible light emitted from the luminescent material 36 in the direction of the viewer. The direction of viewing is shown by arrow A. Notch 152 may be open or filled with filling material 38.